

# Resurrection

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Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Hymn

SLANE

## Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
Rich - es I heed not nor life's emp - ty praise,  
Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me Lord;  
thou, mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fath - er, thou art both to me,  
Thou and thou on - ly are first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
now and for ev - er thy child I will be.  
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of preparation for the worship of God.

## We Worship

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

## We Hear the Word

This psalm is a meditative individual hymn of praise to God, lifting up and singling out the character and deeds of God that call for such praise. The psalm is the last of the eight alphabetical acrostic poems, with each line beginning with a different letter of Hebrew alphabet.

The election and call of the Thessalonians provides motivation for another expression of thanksgiving. This obligatory thanksgiving leads to an exhortation that the Thessalonians maintain the authentic traditions received from Paul.

## We Respond

This hymn was written by Katherine Hankey in 1866. Born in Clapham, England, Katherine Hankey belonged to the Clapham Sect of Evangelicals and established a Bible class for girls in London's West End. This hymn is drawn from her extended poem on the life of Jesus, which also contains *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*.

## Psalm Reading

Eve Messina (9 am)  
Aileen North (11 am)

### From Psalm 145

**One:** We will exalt you, O God, and bless your name for ever.

**All:** **We bless your Name for ever.**

**One:** Great you are, and greatly to be praised; there is no end to your greatness. Each generation shall praise your works to the next, declaring your power. We will ponder the splendor of your majesty, and all of your marvelous works. We shall speak of your mighty acts, and tell of all your greatness. We shall publish the remembrance of your goodness, and of your righteousness.

**All:** **We will exalt you, O God, and bless your name for ever.**

**One:** You are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. You show your love to us all; your compassion is seen in all your works. All your works praise you; and all your faithful servants praise you. They speak of your power, and make known the glory of your realm. You uphold all those who falter, and lift up all those who are bowed down.

**All:** **We will exalt you, O God, and bless your name for ever. Amen.**

## Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

## + Epistle Reading

Rev. Mona Lopez

### 2 Thessalonians 2:13-16

We must always give thanks to God for you, sisters and brothers loved by Christ, because God chose you from the beginning - to be saved by the sanctifying Spirit and by believing in the truth.

For this purpose God called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our leader Jesus Christ. Therefore, sisters and brothers, stand firm. Hold fast to the traditions you received from us, either by word of mouth or by letter. May our Savior Jesus Christ and our Creator - who loved us and in mercy gave us eternal consolation and hope - console your hearts and strengthen them for every good work and word.

## Response

### I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas-ant to re - peat What seems each time I tell it More  
won - der-ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the sto-ry, For some have nev - er heard The  
mes-sage of Christ's long-ing from God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto-ry! 'Twill  
be my theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*Be Strong in the Strength*

**Making Ministry Happen**

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Offertory

**Communion**

Rev. Mona Lopez

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

Songs During Communion

*Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,

Do it all in the name of the Lord;

Giving thanks, giving thanks

To God, through Christ, the Lord,

Giving thanks, giving thanks

To God, through Christ, the Lord.

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*I Will Come and Bow Down*

I will come and bow down at your feet, Lord Jesus.

In your presence is fullness of joy.

There is nothing, there is no one

Who compares with you.

I take pleasure in worshipping you, Lord.

Words & Music by Martin Nystrom

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**We Receive**

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion.

We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace, that each one of us... visitor, friend, or member, may receive.

**We Sing**

This praise and worship song was written by Martin Nystrom who also wrote *As the Deer*. Martin was a student at Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas, when many of his choruses were written. He later was the Director of Music at their school in Long Island, New York.

## We Give Thanks

We stand at the end of the communion service as part of our thanksgiving for the service of communion and the representation of the body and blood of Christ as the sacrifice made for us. For now we offer the sacrifice.

### Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

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### Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you,  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love;  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

+ Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praises we bring,

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Benediction Response

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God,  
You call me friend. I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, You call me friend.  
You call me friend. You call me friend!

Postlude

Joel Hammett



## ***Sacred Reading***

The two most important days of our lives are the day we were born and the day we discover why we were born. We spend most of our lives conjugating three verbs: to want, to have and to do.

They have no real significance for us, except as they are transcended by the verb to be.

The essence of life is tied up in being, not wanting, having, or doing.

- David McKechnie, *Experiencing God's Pleasure*, 126.

God is love, lover and Beloved. If we break "Beloved" in two, we have "be loved." Be loved by spirit, be loved by yourself, be loved by others. If we remove the last letter of "Beloved," we have "be love."

Don't seek love or lover, simply be love. Be at peace with All That Is, and know you are the beloved.

And when you find a lover, know that the journey is to dance together in the circle of love, growing, playing, struggling and accepting with a smile the incredible predicament of being human.

When we can do this, even for a few moments, we will feel a flow of energy like the current of a river dissolving our separateness and bringing us to greater unity.

- Charlotte Sophia Kasi, *A Home for the Heart*, 5. Kasi is a Quaker psychologist and activist.

Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature.

What you are in God's sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember, that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received -- fading symbols of honor, trappings of power --

but only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

- Francis of Assisi

As we grow in love and grace, and know who we are and whose we are, we experience the power of God.

We honor God's ordained resiliency and the creativity of our human brokenness, which allows us great flexibility and possibility. As God fuels hopeful transformation, our unhealthy fear evolves into F.E.A.R.-- Facing Every Anxiety Righteously.

When we know who we are and what we are about, and when we love ourselves well and have a strong sense of self-identity, then we are no longer caught in the throes of being victim or oppressor.

- Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, *Soul Pearls: Worship Resources for the Black Church*, 168, adapted.

## ***Spiritual Maturity & Application***

Monday's reading is Psalm 139. After reading the scripture, ask yourself the following questions: Are you aware of God's design for your life? What did God have in mind for you when your body was still being formed? How is God forming you spiritually now? Who does God want you to become? What are your dreams, your goals, your special abilities, your spiritual gifts? How does God want to use them? Dare to pray about your purpose boldly! Dare to dream about your purpose boldly! Journal or doodle your thoughts. Discuss with friends.

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 811, adapted.

Ask someone who knows you well to describe what they see as your life purpose. Does their description mesh with yours? What insight have you gained from this exercise? Think of ways that your purpose can become increasingly clear through your words, thoughts, and actions.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Quickly, without thinking too intensely, make a list of the "most meaningful" experiences of your life. Now circle the top five. What was it that gave these experiences meaning? Who were the people involved? If possible, reconnect with those people and swap stories about the experiences. Seek to draw deeper understanding from the experiences. Offer prayers of gratitude for these experiences.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

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## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

## Welcome!

If you are visiting Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.



*Creating a Life that Matters...Creates a Church that Matters!*

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

## Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.



The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

**We believe in** *God's unconditional love for everyone.*

**We believe in** *the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.*

**We believe in** *including everyone and excluding no one.*

**We believe in** *joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.*

**We believe that** *each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.*

*Again, welcome!*



# COMMIT...It Does a Body Good.

by Rev. Janice Ladd, Executive Pastor

The stewardship team got together this week to review the results of the "my key to our abundance" stewardship drive. The goal of the stewardship team is to educate the congregation to be "good stewards" of the resources we have as a body of Christ. We are a team of individuals who firmly believe that giving

our lives and resources is not a legal requirement but an opportunity for spiritual growth.

So we had to ask ourselves, why did only 1/3 of our congregation complete a commitment card? The cards that came in were a true blessing in that 170 people committed in various ways to be present, to pray, to serve and to give their lives as a resource to the body of Christ. Knowing that 170 people are committed to the work of God is a powerful result. We also noticed that this 1/3 is pledging to meet 1/2 of our weekly financial need. Clearly, they are a group that is stretching themselves to grow.

So what about the other 2/3 of the congregation? Why was the 4-part sermon series, individual testimonies, bulletin articles, drama skit, and inspirational music and worship throughout the month of October not enough to inspire everyone to participate in this spiritual growth opportunity. We decided we must not have fully educated the congregation or properly communicated the importance of the commitment. Below is a question and answer series that we hope will help you become "the key to our abundance."

## Why is it important to complete the commitment card?

Formalizing your commitment to be present, pray, serve, and give is a statement of faith and an act of accountability. When you put your commitment to God in writing, you are allowing yourself to be vulnerable and accountable to the Body of Christ. This is a real growth opportunity. Once you set a goal in life, it becomes more real when you share it with your friends and family. Keeping your giftedness secret is a safety net. As long as we convince ourselves that "it's between God and I" we will never fully open ourselves to the community God gives us to serve. This is the "release" and "surrender" part of our faith. Also, we can work together more effectively and efficiently when we come together and openly share our resources.

## What does the church do with these commitments?

The stewardship team will send you a letter thanking you for your participation and itemizing your areas of commitment so you can have a record of your faithfulness. Your financial commitment is entered into the system to provide the Board of Directors an estimate of our tithes and offering. When you formalize your financial commitment it is not a legal agreement and you will not receive an invoice or request for payment. Communicating your financial commitment has a two-fold purpose: to help you be accountable for your commitment and to help the financial leaders of the church be accountable for when and how it is spent. Your financial pledge helps the

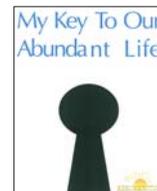
financial leaders of Resurrection make quality and informed decisions based on accurate estimates. You are assisting us in being good stewards by allowing us to plan the spending needs to operate the church. To help you in your accountability, we will list your pledge on your annual itemized statement of contributions. We realize that life circumstances can alter your ability to give the amount pledged and you can adjust your pledge at any time. Again, you will not be billed or invoiced or harassed in any way.

## I am already actively participating and giving to the ministries. Why do you need me to complete the card?

Our spiritual gifts are an evolving and moving aspect of our spirituality. You should make it a practice to complete a spiritual gifts inventory every year or so to see how God is shaping you (you can download this tool on our Web site). Renewing your commitment gives you an opportunity to hear a fresh word from God about your calling. You may be asked to give less in certain areas, so God can stretch you to give more in other ways. Or you may need a Sabbath (a period of rest) to revitalize your ministry. Financial gifts will also evolve and move in much the same way. Take the commitment card and sit and listen to what God holds for you. Completing your commitment card then becomes a valuable spiritual practice.

## When does the commitment begin?

The commitment begins when you turn in the card and will last until you complete a new card. The stewardship team conducts this commitment drive annually and typically in the fall. Therefore today's commitment will last until the fall of 2008. All we ask is that you put in writing what you are able to commit right now in terms of time, talent, and resources. You can update your commitment at any time.

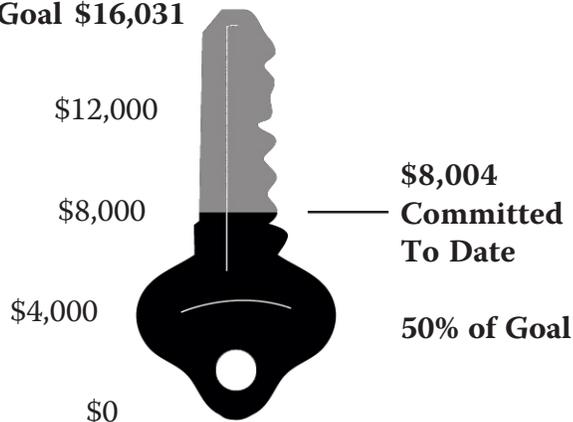


The stewardship team is praying for you and each is available to answer any further questions and concerns you may have. We will wear our name badges each Sunday to help you find us: Kedric Brown, Kecia Bullock, Joy Jolley, Ben Julian, Jennifer Riley, Wayne Wiggins, Rev. Dwayne Johnson, and Rev. Janice Ladd.

Imagine what God can do when every one of us join our voices to say, "Yes - I am the key to God's abundance!"

## Tithes & Offerings

Weekly Goal \$16,031



# Allen Hanks

Next Sunday!  
November 18  
9 & 11 am

Join us for a special music guest, who was recently featured in the August issue of **OutSmart Magazine**.

[www.allenhanks.com](http://www.allenhanks.com)



## Sharing Hope and Providing Safety to the GLBT Community in South Africa

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 6 - 8 pm, Gathering Place**

Live Music Entertainment by

Soundclicks No.1 Gospel Music singer Miss Money

Refreshments & Power Point Presentation

\$10 Suggested Donation

Proceeds benefit [www.emiglobal.org](http://www.emiglobal.org)

Pick up a flyer in the Welcome Area.

RSVP to [pastorjanet.parker@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjanet.parker@gmail.com)



## Red Ribbon Toy Drive

Drop items off in Welcome Area  
Collections End: Sunday, Dec 2

Since 1995, AFH has collaborated with local medical and social service providers and has collected and distributed more than 25,000 toys to children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Last year, over 1,200 children (ages birth to 17 ) who receive medical care and social services from AFH, Harris County Hospital District, Texas Children's Hospital, UT Health Science Center and UTMB Galveston, had a brighter holiday due to the generous donations from the Houston community.

## Single?

To join our new singles group or learn about our upcoming outings, email Brandon at

Join Us! [Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Parents Group Lunch TODAY! 12:30 pm, Activities Bldg

Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us!

If you'd like to receive information about future events for Parents, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Wills? Power of Attorney?  
Second Parent Adoption?  
Custody Litigation?



If you have questions, here's your chance to ask attorneys  
Connie Moore & Debra E. Hunt!

**November 29th, 6:30 pm  
Gathering Place**

Moore & Hunt have been serving the Houston community since 1987. The firm focuses on matters involving second-parent adoptions, donor insemination & surrogacy, collaborative family law, contested custody litigation, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advanced estate and disability planning, probate & trust litigation, and relationship dissolution.



## Thanksgiving Potluck & Worship Service

**Thursday, November 25, 12 - 2pm  
Activities Building**

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, and give thanks for all the blessings given to our Resurrection family this year.

## Aerobics

Sundays, 1 - 2 pm

Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Activities Building #212

**\$25 per month**

Register at *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop*

For more information, please contact Gregory Cooper  
[Aerobics@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Aerobics@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# Get Connected!

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Second Family Care Partners

**Kristia Ammerman**  
SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 832-971-0354.

## Loaves & Fishes

**Robert Sliepka**  
LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?*

This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occasional church events.

## Care Callers

**Karen Cruse**  
**Terry Talley**  
CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?*

Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.

## Volunteer Receptionist

**Fabiola Cruz**  
Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?*

We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.

Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.

## Concierge Desk

**Leslie Jackson**  
Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?*

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services!

This desk will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

## Ushers

**Kecia Bullock**  
**Dave Mathis**  
Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services.

There are 10 exciting teams!

Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.

Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

## Inspirations Coffee Cafe

**Travis Ochoa**  
Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you enjoy coffee, gifts, and fellowship?*

We need enthusiastic volunteers to serve before and after both Sunday Worship Services.

Volunteers are also needed during the week to help with restocking inventory, cleaning, and general maintenance.

## Welcome Team

**Flo Perry**  
Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?*

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go.

Team members will be positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

## H.O.M.E. Groups

Attend One This Week!

These small groups meet regularly, throughout the Houston area, for prayer, study, fellowship, and outreach.

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) for a list of locations.

If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact Jason Wood at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



## World AIDS Day

Sat, Dec. 1, & Sun, Dec 2  
9 am - 5 pm

Quilt panel workshop,  
Saturday, 12 - 4 pm

9 Panels on Display, Multimedia presentation, Signature Quilt



We need volunteers to assist during display times, as well as setup. This is an opportunity for Resurrection MCC to show to the community our commitment to these memories. Please consider giving an hour or two. To volunteer or donate, please contact Rose Wall at Community@ResurrectionMCC.org or Charles Clark II at Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org.

## ATTENTION: EXCEL OF THE ARMADILLO GRADUATES

On Sunday, December 2, at 12:30 pm in the Workroom, the Excel of the Armadillo team will be taking applications for those who would like to join us in forming a new EXCEL team or being a friend for 2008!

Please pray on this next journey and consider exploring your possible participation by attending this recruitment meeting to discuss about team and friends membership. We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Excel of the Armadillo team or a friend in 2008 and sharing the Excel message of "Living In Union With God" with other sisters and brothers next year.

**EXCEL needs you to share the blessings !**



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**TODAY!**

**12:30 pm**

**Activities Bldg.**

youthLife meets 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Now Training Volunteers! JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



Concert  
**Celebrate the Season!**

Sunday, December 9  
7 pm

The Resurrection Music Ministry is partnering with the Houston Pride Band to bring the city of Houston a celebration of the music of the season. This concert will have secular and sacred carols including a time of carol singing for the audience. Invite your friends. Admission is free. An offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to benefit the Resurrection MCC General Fund.

**A.A. Recovery Group**

Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm  
Wellness Center

This is an open meeting of  
Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call  
Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



**The Audio Visual Team**

is seeking individuals who look good in  
headphones, no experience required.  
Training will be provided.

Today @ 12:45 pm  
Workroom

Contact Ken  
713-861-9149 x111  
AudioVisual@  
ResurrectionMCC.org



**Board Members on Duty**

Jerry Reitz & Len Shelton

**Food Pantry  
Monthly Food Drive**

3rd Sunday of each month

**Next Sunday, November 18**

Welcome Area

Forgot your donation?  
Cash is always welcome.



Needed: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables,  
Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Canned Soup,  
Pasta, Bagged Rice, Dry Beans

**What is a Sacristan?**

Sacristans are the people that prepare the communion for us each Sunday morning at both services. Currently, we are seeking more people to service in this way.

If you are interested, please contact Steven Couch at  
SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or  
713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

**Communion Server**

This is an important task. For many that visit our church, the only contact they have with another queer Christian is when they take communion on Sunday morning. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Steven Couch at SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church

**What can you do for our church?**

Teams are forming so that we can have in-house security for our community of faith. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Karen Cruse at Security@ResurrectionMCC.org.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary**

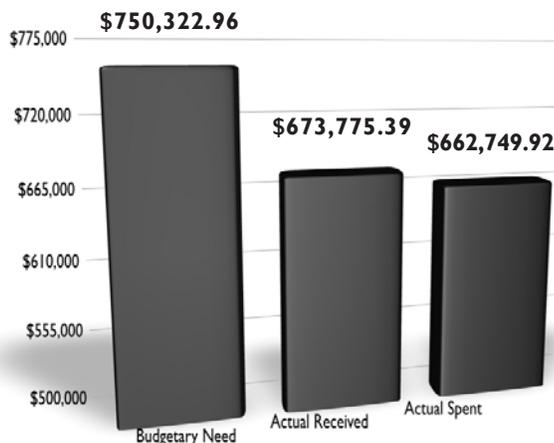
In loving memory of Bill Carnathan.

- Liz & Mary Beth

**General Fund Financial Report**

**Week Ending November 4, 2007**

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year to Date
Mid-Week			\$12,184.52
11/04/07	9:00 am	142 \$6,246.60	\$190,535.32
11/04/07	11:00 am	334 \$7,690.82	\$249,845.65
Special Services			\$4,457.67
Gift of Love Campaign			\$14,440.30
Other Contributions		\$2,006.00	\$119,481.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>\$15,943.42</b>	<b>\$590,945.14</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
Fundraising			\$25,027.15
Miscellaneous		(\$435.00)	\$57,803.10
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$15,508.42</b>	<b>\$673,775.39</b>
<b>Budgetary Need</b>		<b>\$16,884.63</b>	<b>\$750,322.96</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$1,376.21)</b>	<b>(\$76,547.57)</b>



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## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
 12:30 pm youthLife! *Activities Building*  
 12:30 pm Parents Group Lunch *Activities Building*  
 12:45 pm A/V Training *Workroom*  
 1:15 pm Aerobics *Activities Building #212*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY

NOVEMBER 12

- 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*  
 7:15 pm Aerobics *Activities Building #212*

## TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 13

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*  
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*

## WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 14

- 6:30 pm Creating a Life That Matters (closed) *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal *Activities Bldg #202*  
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 7:15 pm Aerobics *Activities Building #212*

## THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 15

- 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

## FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 16

- 6:00 pm Sharing Hope & Providing Safety *Gathering Place*

## SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 17

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 18

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*